

- OF VOLUND AND NIDOD -

THREE MAIDENS FLEW THROUGH MYRKVID FROM SOUTHLAND
YOUNG VALKYRIES, IN WARS TO TRY THEM.

THEY SAT
BY A LAKE,



THEIR LIMBS
TO REST,



FAIR
SOUTHRON
MAIDS,
PRECIOUS
FLAX



SPINNING.

HLADGUD AND HERVOR,
HLODVER'S DAUGHTERS

AND WISE
OLRÚN,
KIAR'S OFFSPRING.



SHALT WE SPEAK FAIR TO THEM,
AND EFTSOON WILT THE LIEF
MAIDS WEND TO OUR HALL, I WEEN.

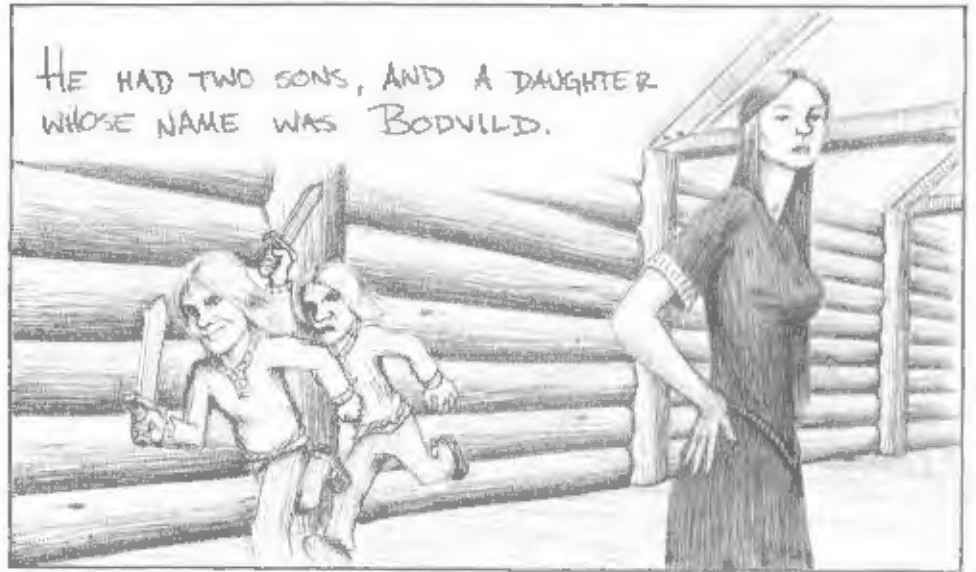
NAY, BOY. 'TIS NOT MEET TO BEG
WENCHES. THOU SHALT DEFTLY
CREEP, AND SEIZE THE VALKYRIES'
SWANSKINS, LEST BACK TO YAIR'S
BROW THEY FLY. THUS TO OUR
HALL SHALT WE BEAR THEM.



THERE WAS A KING IN
SVITSJOD HIGHT NIDOD.



HE HAD TWO SONS, AND A DAUGHTER
WHOSE NAME WAS BODVILD.



THERE WERE THREE BROTHERS,
SONS OF A FINNISH KING.

WAS ONE HIGHT SLAGFID,



THE SECOND, EGIL,



AND THE THIRD,



THEY RAN ON SNOWSHOES, HUNTING GAME. THEY CAME TO THE WOLFDALLES AND MADE THEM
A HIGH-TIMBERED HALL, THERE BY A WATER CALLED WOLF LAKE. EARLY ONE MORN THEY
FOUND BY THE SHORE THREE WOMEN SPINNING FLAX. BY THEM LAY THEIR SWANSKINS,
FOR THEY WERE VALKYRIES. THEY WERE THE TWO DAUGHTERS OF KING HLODVER, HLAGGUD

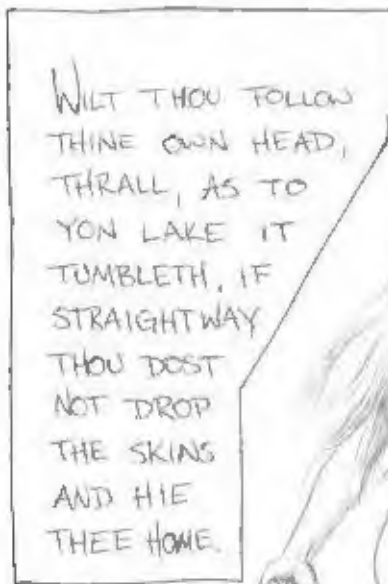
THE SWANWHITE, AND
HEVOR THE ALLWISE, AND
THE THIRD WAS OLRUN,
DAUGHTER OF KING KIAR
OF VALLAND. THE BROTHERS
TOOK THEM HOME WITH
THEM. EGIL TOOK OLRUN
TO WIFE; SLAGFID TOOK
HLAGGUD, AND VOLUND
TOOK HEVOR. THUS DWELLED



THEY SEVEN WINTERS. THEN FLEW THEY AWAY TO BE AT BATTLES, AND DID NOT RETURN. THEN
WENT FORTH EGIL ON HIS SNOWSHOES TO SEARCH FOR OLRUN, AND SLAGFID TO LOOK FOR SWANWHITE,
BUT VOLUND STAYED IN THE WOLFDALLES. HE WAS THE MOST SKILFUL OF MEN OF WHOM OLDEN TALES TELL.



HAILSA, FINELY-DIGHT
MAIDS! BUCK YE NOW
WITH WHAT WEEDS
YE HAVE RESIDES
THESE HOARY
SWANSKINS AND
FOLLOW US TO
OUR GARTH.



WILT THOU FOLLOW
THINE OWN HEAD,
THRALL, AS TO
YON LAKE IT
TUMBLETH, IF
STRAIGHTWAY
THOU DOST
NOT DROP
THE SKINS
AND HIE
THEE HOME.



HUSH YE, BONDMAID,
LEST I SLIT THE
GOLDEN TORQUES
AND THEREBY
BREAK THE
SWANSARKS' MAGIC.
KNOW YE NOT
THAT WE ARE
FINNS?

WAS THE VALKYRIE'S RAGE STAYED AND DIDST
HERVOR HOLD HER TONGUE. THE BROW-WHITE WAR-
MAIDENS STOOD OPPOSITE THE BROTHERS, BUT
NEITHER MOVED TOWARD THE OTHER. 'T'WAS SEEN
THAT HILL WOULD EFTSOON FOLLOW UPON
DALE, AND WOULD RAVENS GORGE IF
AGREEMENT WERE NOT REACHED.

